WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is awarding a \$103,315 grant to the Gallia-Meigs Regional Airport in Gallipolis, Ohio. The funding is being distributed through the Federal Aviation Administration.

The funds will be used to improve the overall safety of the airport's operations. In addition to improving the safety of the runway area, the funds will be used for the Airport Fuel System Project which will remove the existing 25 year old underground storage tank and above ground fueling system. It will be replaced with a system that is all above ground which will allow for better fuel leak detection and maintenance. The current system at the airport is so out of date that the airport is unable to get replacement parts for the fuel pumps to make repairs.

"The airport relies on the proceeds from fuel sales to keep its doors open and runway operational," Wilson said. "So, this grant makes the airport safer and ensures that the community will have an airport for a long time to come."

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